

In this table, T is the absolute value of the frequency tolerance of the cable television signal. The actual frequency tolerance will depend on the equipment and operating procedures of the cable system, but in no case shall the frequency tolerance T exceed ± 25 kHz in the bands 108–136 and 225–400 MHz.

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§ 76.620 Non-cable multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs).

(a) Sections 76.605(a)(12), 76.610, 76.611, 76.612, 76.614, 76.615(b)(1–6), 76.616, and 76.617 shall apply to all non-cable MVPDs. However, non-cable MVPD systems that are substantially built as of January 1, 1998 shall not be subject to these sections until January 1, 2003. “Substantially built” shall be defined as having 75 percent of the distribution plant completed. As of January 1, 2003, § 76.615(b)(7) shall apply to all non-cable MVPDs.

(b) To comply with § 76.615(b)(2), a non-cable MVPD shall submit its Internal Revenue Service’s Employer Identification (E.I.) number instead of an FCC identifier.

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§ 76.630 Compatibility with consumer electronics equipment.

(a) Cable system operators shall not scramble or otherwise encrypt signals carried on the basic service tier. Requests for waivers of this prohibition must demonstrate either a substantial problem with theft of basic tier service or a strong need to scramble basic signals for other reasons. As part of this showing, cable operators are required to notify subscribers by mail of waiver requests. The notice to subscribers must be mailed no later than thirty calendar days from the date the request waiver was filed with the Commission, and cable operators must inform the Commission in writing, as soon as possible, of that notification date. The notification to subscribers must state:

On (date of waiver request was filed with the Commission), (cable operator’s name) filed with the Federal Communications Commission a request for waiver of the rule prohibiting scrambling of channels on the basic tier of service. 47 CFR § 76.630(a). The request for waiver states (a brief summary of the

waiver request). A copy of the request for waiver is on file for public inspection at (the address of the cable operator’s local place of business).

Individuals who wish to comment on this request for waiver should mail comments to the Federal Communications Commission by no later than 30 days from (the date the notification was mailed to subscribers). Those comments should be addressed to the: Federal Communications Commission, Cable Services Bureau, Washington, DC 20554, and should include the name of the cable operator to whom the comments are applicable. Individuals should also send a copy of their comments to (the cable operator at its local place of business).

Cable operators may file comments in reply no later than 7 days from the date subscriber comments must be filed.

(b) Cable system operators that provide their subscribers with cable system terminal devices and other customer premises equipment that incorporates remote control capability shall permit the remote operation of such devices with commercially available remote control units or otherwise take no action that would prevent the devices from being operated by a commercially available remote control unit. Cable system operators are advised that this requirement obliges them to actively enable the remote control functions of customer premises equipment where those functions do not operate without a special activation procedure. Cable system operators may, however, disable the remote control functions of a subscriber’s customer premises equipment where requested by the subscriber.

(c) Cable system operators that use scrambling, encryption or similar technologies in conjunction with cable system terminal devices, as defined in § 15.3(e) of this chapter, that may affect subscribers’ reception of signals shall offer to supply each subscriber with special equipment that will enable the simultaneous reception of multiple signals. The equipment offered shall include a single terminal device with dual descramblers/decoders and/or timers and bypass switches. Other equipment, such as two independent set-top terminal devices may be offered at the same time that the single terminal device with dual tuners/descramblers is